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For:                 WAVE TRANSMISSION MEDIUM AND  
                       WAVEGUIDE CIRCUIT                         )

**THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97**

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Sir

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Applicant asserts that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

NON-PRIOR ART DOCUMENTS

Attached for the examiner's information is a copy of an Office Action dated January 25, 2008 for Canadian Application No. 2,511,944 which application is a counterpart of the present application.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2008.

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